

materials technology, structural biology, medicine, and chemistry.

On December 21, 1996, the HFBR was shut down for refueling and maintenance. Before the reactor returned to scheduled scientific operations, monitoring indicated that a plume of tritiated water was contaminating the groundwater in excess of drinking water standards south and down gradient of the reactor, within the site boundary. Data collection and analysis identified the HFBR spent fuel pool as the likely source of the tritium plume. Cleanup of this contamination has been incorporated into the site's overall cleanup program. All fuel was removed from the reactor and the pool and shipped off-site. The pool was drained and decontaminated to eliminate the source of the tritium to the groundwater beneath the HFBR.

After analysis of the time and expense to restart the HFBR, the Department has decided to permanently close the HFBR. This decision is categorically excluded under DOE's NEPA regulations. Therefore, preparation of the draft EIS has been stopped. Additional NEPA review will be necessary in the future for a proposal to decontaminate and decommission the reactor.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of November, 1999.

Patricia M. Dehmer,

Associate Director of the Office of Science for the Office of Basic Energy Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Los Alamos

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, December 15, 1999, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: New Mexico Oil and Gas Conservation Service, 2040 Pacheco Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, 1640 Old Pecos Trail, Suite H, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-989-1662; Fax: 505-989-1752; E-

mail: adubois@doeal.gov; or Internet <http://www.nmcab.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

1. Public Comment, 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
2. Committee Reports:
 - Environmental Restoration
 - Monitoring and Surveillance
 - Waste Management
 - Community Outreach
 - Budget
3. Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ann DuBois at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Ann DuBois at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 24, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, December 16, 1999: 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 2000 McCracken Boulevard, Paducah, Kentucky.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Sheppard, Site Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6804.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration and waste management activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 5:30 p.m. Call to order/Discussion
- 6:00 p.m. Approve Meeting Minutes
- 6:05 p.m. Public Comments/Questions
- 6:30 p.m. Presentations
- 7:15 p.m. Sub Committee Reports
- 8:15 p.m. Administrative Issues
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact John D. Sheppard at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at the end of the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying